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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - PROPOSED MAINTENANCE AMENDMENT

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1. AS REQUESTED IN PARA ONE REFTEL, EMBASSY SUBMITS FOLLOWING PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO AMEND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT OF 02 JUNE 1977, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED ON 28 SEPT. 1977:

(A) "IN CONFIRMATION OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES TO CURB THE ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS, I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IR PREPARED TO INCREASE BY US\$4,200,000 THE FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE AGREEMENT EFFECTED BY THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED JUNE 2, 1977, BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND YOUR OFFICE, AS AMENDED BY OUR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 1977.

(B) "THE GOVERNEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THEREFORE AGREES TO DELETE THE PHRASE, "SEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED UNCLASSIFIED

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EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (US\$ 7,681,235)", IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE EMBASSY'S LETTER OF JUNE 2, 1977, AS AMENDED BY OUR EXCHANGE OF LETTER ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1977, AND SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR THE PHRASE, "ELEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (US\$ 11,881,235)".

- (C) STANDARD PARA ON APPLICABILITY OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS.
- (D) STANDARD PARA ON ACCEPTABILITY OF GOM.
- (E) STANDARD CLOSING PARA.
- 2. IN VIEW OF COMPLEXITY OF ORIGINAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS NEGOTIATED SPECIFICALLY TO RELATE TO MAINTENANCE CONTRACT, WE DOD NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND NEGOTIATING NEW AGREEMET. EXISTING LANGUAGE, WITH ABOVE FUNDING INCREASE, ADEQUATE TO COVER REPAIRS TO CRASH-DAMAGED HELICOPTERS, INCLUDING RAMAPO COST OVERRUN.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO EFFECT ABOVE AMENDMENT BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TO PROVIDE SPANISH TRANSLATION LOCALLY. LUCEY

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